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SUBJECT: LOCAL DISSATISFACTION WITH U.S. RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT  
CHIANG'S DEATH

REF: FBIS OKINAWA 082314Z APR 75

### 1. APRIL 8 AFP STORY

FILED BY CALIX CHU ENTITLED "TAIWAN DISSATISFIED  
WITH FORD'S CONDOLENCE MESSAGE" WHICH EXPRESSED "PARTIAL  
DISSATISFACTION" WITH WHAT THE UNITED STATES HAD DONE  
IN THE WAKE OF PRESIDENT CHIANG'S DEATH AND SPECIFICALLY  
COMPLAINED THAT PRESIDENT FORD'S STATEMENT HAD SHOWN  
"RESERVED PRAISE " FOR THE LATE PRESIDENT AND HAD NOT  
TOUCHED ON "MATTERS CONCERNING FUTURE RELATIONS BETWEEN  
THE TWO COUNTRIES AFTER THE DEMISE OF THE NATIONALIST  
LEADER."

2. LOCAL REPORTS CARRIED IN ALL CHINESE AND ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE PAPERS THAT SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE BUTZ WILL  
LEAD THE U.S. DELEGATION HAVE ALSO GENERATED INDIVIDUAL  
NEGATIVE COMMENTS FROM WITHIN BOTH THE CHINESE AND  
AMERICAN COMMUNITIES. WHEN THE NEWS FIRST BROKE, AN  
OFFICIAL IN PRESIDENT YEN'S OFFICE EXPRESSED THE HOPE  
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TO AN EMBOFF THAT THE RUMOR WAS NOT TRUE AND POINTED

OUT THAT PRESIDENT YEN AS VICE PRESIDENT HAD ATTENDED THE FUNERALS OF EX-PRESIDENTS JOHNSON AND TRUMAN. CONTACTS IN THE CHINESE MEDIA-SOME IN RATHER COLORFUL LANGUAGE-HAVE ALSO EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE SELECTION OF SECRETARY BUTZ IS UNFORTUNATE. AN OFFICIAL IN MOFA TOLD US THAT SOMEONE CALLED MOFA IN THE NAME OF A NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT ORGANIZATION AND COMPLAINED ABOUT THE SELECTION OF BUTZ.

3. DURING THE DAY APRIL 9 THE MISSION RECEIVED NUMEROUS CALLS FROM LOCAL U.S. CITIZENS "REGISTERING" THEIR "PROTESTS" ABOUT THE SELECTION OF SECRETARY BUTZ. COMMENTS HAVE INCLUDED REMARKS SUCH AS: "..... THE AMERICAN BUSINESS COMMUNITY CONSIDERS IT A SLAP IN THE FACE OF THE ROC"; "...A LONG TIME ALLY DESERVED A HIGHER RANKING INDIVIDUAL"; "...THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD HAVE COME, OR AT LEAST SOMEONE OF HIGHER RANK." IN SOME CASES SPECIFIC REQUEST MADE THAT THESE EXPRESSIONS BE REPORTED TO WASHINGTON.  
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